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SUBJ: INCREASE IN SECURITY STAFF

REF: STATE 023655

1. EMBASSY'S NORMAL COMPLEMENT OF MARINE GUARDS OF 9 WATCHSTANDERS AND 1 NCOIC WAS AUGMENTED IN OCTOBER 1973 BY 3 ADDITIONAL WATCHSTANDERS FOR PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTION SURVEILLANCE. IN ADDITION WE PRESENTLY HAVE ON BOARD 3 UNACCOMPANIED CONSEC SEABEES, AND THIS GROUP WILL BE FURTHER INCREASED AS CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW OFFICE BUILDING PROGRESSES. WE EXPECT TOTAL MARINE GUARD COMPLEMENT OF 18 WATCHSTANDERS AND AN NOIC, PLUS A TOTAL OF 12 CONSEC SEABEES DURING FULL CONSTRUCTION PHASE BEGINNING IN MAY 1974.

2. HOUSING THE ADDITIONAL MARINES AND UNACCOMPANIED SEABEES IS A PROBLEM WHICH THE POST HAS RESOLVED BY PROVIDING QUARTERS IN MITSUI COMPOUND APARTMENTS PERRY HOUSE AND DOUBLING UP SOME OF THE STAFF. THE PRESENT MARINE HOUSE CAN ONLY ACCOMMODATE THE NORMAL COMPLEMENT OF 9 WATCHSTANDERS, THEREBY NECESSITATING SEPARATION OF THE GUARD FORCE. THE SEPARATION DOES NOT AT THIS TIME PRESENT AN ADMINISTRATIVE PROBLEM. THE SEABEES, ALTHOUGH UNACCOMPANIED AND ON PER DIEM BASIS, ALSO ARE IN EFFICIENCY APARTMENTS SAVING THE GOVERNMENT 50 PERCENT OF THESE COSTS.

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3. ASSUMING THE OFFICE OF SECURITY PROPOSAL FOR
ADDITIONAL 5 MARINE GUARDS TO BE ADDED TO THE EMBASSY
STAFF IS OVER AND ABOVE THIS AUGMENTATION, THE POST
DOES NOT HAVE HOUSING FACILITIES AVAILABLE TO ABSORB THE
INCREASE.

4. WE BELIEVE THE INCREASES PRESENT AND PLANNED OF THE
SECURITY GUARD COMPLEMENT TOTALLING 18 WATCHSTANDERS
AND 12 CONSEC SEABEES, TO BE ADEQUATE UNTIL COMPLETION
OF THE NEW OFFICE BUILDING IN JULY 1976. WE RECOMMEND
THEREFORE THAT A REVIEW OF NORMAL MARINE GUARD
COMPLEMENT REQUIREMENTS SHOULD BE SUBSEQUENTLY REVIEWED
TO DETERMINE IF AN INCREASE SHOULD BE MADE AT THAT TIME.

5. COST ESTIMATES TO BE CONSIDERED ARE COLA, BAS, AND
UTILITIES WHICH AT THIS TIME ARE \$153.00 PER MAN PER
MONTH PLUS SOME \$12,000 TO \$15,000 PER YEAR FOR
LEASED QUARTERS FOR THEM SHOULD THEY BE ASSIGNED.
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